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Minutes 01-20-2010

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2010

Members Present: Janice Dallas, Barbara Cutler, Maureen St. Hilaire, Lin Baker
Kerrie Fallon, Susan James

Members Absent: Barbara Jones

Others Present: Joe Connelly, Director of Recreation
Greg Ames, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
Jane Howard, Vision 2020 Standing Committee
Heidi Hample, Disability Advocate

Summer Street Playground:

Joe Connelly said that the Town intends to spend \$410,000 to renovate the Summer Street Playground, which is currently dilapidated and out of code. The plan is to have multi generational recreation areas. Joe said that the Town is working to make Town playgrounds as friendly and accessible as possible. Joe said that the pathways at the renovated Summer Street Playground would be of an accessible rubberized material and will connect to the bike trail and parking lot. Joe said that the play components would be lower in height than play components in most playgrounds and will be connected by rubberized platforms. Joe said that the Recreation Department intends to solicit bids in February and start construction in late spring with construction work completed by this fall. Joe said that the playground would contain four swings that will include one accessible swing, one tot swing and two regular belt swings. Joe said that there might be a second phase to this project were lighting would be added. The Disability Commission voted to support the plans for this renovated playground as presented.

Job Fair:

Greg Ames said that the Job Fair would be held on April 8, 2010, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM., with access to the space available at 10:00 AM. Greg said that thirteen employers have already agreed to participate in the Job Fair. Greg said that last year there were twenty employers that participated. This year Greg said that he hopes to have at thirty employers participating in the Job Fair. Greg said when asked how the Disability Commission could assist in co-sponsoring this event Greg said that being physically present to escort job seekers and employers would be of help. Greg asked if Stop & Shop would be available to provide water again this year. Last year three hundred job seekers attended the job fair. The Commission agreed to decide at the February meeting what assistance the Commission would provide.

CDBG Request to Fund Curb Cut Ramps:

Jack Jones said that the Commission has requested One Hundred & Fifty Thousand Dollars in CDBG funds. Barbara Cutler said that a letter should also be sent to the Town Manager requesting funding in next years Capital Budget for Curb Cut Ramp Work.

GOALS for 2010:

Jack Jones said that the transition plan was completed in 1992 and should be updated.

Kerrie Fallon said that the Town's Special Education Director plans to attend a Commission Meeting in either March or April 2010.

Barbara Cutler said that a Regional Disability Commission Meeting would be scheduled for May 2010.

Barbara Cutler said that the Disability Commission would co-sponsor the Annual Legislative Reception held on March 3, 2010 at the State House that is sponsored by Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council.

Kerrie said that Arlington legislatures should be invited to attend a Commission Meeting in 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS:

John Bean said that the Town has purchased two bob cats that will assist in snow removal. Commission Members expressed their appreciation for John Bean's efforts in improving snow removal over the past two years.